sectors who export at least 50 per cent of their produce. The definition of manufacture' and 'capital goods' has een extended to include agr'cultural and allied activities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

*115. [*Transferred to 13th May, 1993*]

Inadequate allocation of essential commodities to Karnataka under P.D.S.

*116. SHRI OM HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantum of allocations for essenial commodiies such as kerosene, rice, wheat, edible oil and sugar, for Karnataka has been static for last many years and is not keeping pace with increasing population, urbanisation and shortage of conventional fuels like firewood and coal;

(b) what are the reasons for such dis crimination being shown to Karnataka in comparison to other States; and

(c) whther the Central Government propose to release more quantum of essential commodities on a rational basis?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) (a) to (c) Allocation of essential commodities other than levy sugar are made for the Public Distribution System (PDS) on a month to month basis, taking into account availability of stocks in the Central Pool, inter se requirements of the States|UTs. seasonal factors etc. Levy sugar is allocated normally on the basis of 425 gm per capita per month on the projected population in the States|UTs as on 1-10-1986. Allocations of essential commodities for the PDS are not increased to any States|UT to keep pace with the increase in the population of the State|UT. There has been no discrimination aga'nst Karnataka in comparison to the other States in this regard.

Inclusion of more items for sale under PDS

*117. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to include some more items for sale through the Public Distribution System in the country;

(b) if so, the detaiis thereof; and

(c) the time by when a decision will be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The Central Government arranges for procurement, storage and transportation of key essential commodities such as rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene, imported edible oil and soft coke for distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS). Bulk allocations of these commodities are made to the State Governments.

The Central Government has advised the States|UTs. to include other commodities of mass consumption for distribution to consumers as per local requirement. The question of distribution of addlitional commodities was discussed at the 13th meeting of the Advisory Council on PDS held in August, 1991 and it was agreed that the State Governments could include items such as pulses, tea, washing soaps and iodised salt for distribution through the PDS outlets. National level organisations such as National Con-